

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for creating purchase information, comprising:
 - a storage unit that stores purchase information concerning items selected by a first person from an item list provided by an online shopping service;
 - a searching unit that searches the storage unit for the purchase information corresponding to a search condition received from a second person; and
 - a creation unit that creates purchase information concerning an item to be purchased by the second person, based on the purchase information searched.
2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
 - the storage unit further stores purchase identification information to uniquely identify the purchase information, and
 - the searching unit searches the storage unit for the purchase information corresponding to the purchase identification information, as the search condition, received from the second person.
3. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
 - the storage unit further stores person identification information to uniquely identify the second person, and
 - the searching unit searches the storage unit for the purchase information corresponding to the person identification information, as the search condition, received from the second person.

4. The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein
the person identification information includes information to
identify the second person as a customer who purchases the item.
- 5 5. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
the storage unit further stores item identification information to
uniquely identify the item, and
the searching unit searches the storage unit for the purchase
information corresponding to the item identification information, as the
10 search condition, received from the second person.
6. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
the storage unit further stores person identification information
to uniquely identify the first person, and
15 the searching unit searches the storage unit for the purchase
information corresponding to the person identification information, as
the search condition, received from the second person.
7. The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein
20 the person identification information includes information to
identify the first person as a supervisor who manages the online
shopping service.

8. A method of creating purchase information, comprising:
storing purchase information concerning items selected by a first
person from an item list provided by an online shopping service, in a
storage unit;

5 receiving a search condition from a second person;
searching the storage unit for the purchase information
corresponding to the search condition; and
creating purchase information concerning an item to be
purchased by the second person, based on the purchase information
10 searched.

9. The method according to claim 8, further comprising
storing purchase identification information to uniquely identify
the purchase information, wherein

15 the receiving includes receiving the purchase identification
information, as the search condition, from the second person, and
the searching includes searching the storage unit for the
purchase information corresponding to the purchase identification
information received.

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10. The method according to claim 8, further comprising
storing person identification information to uniquely identify the
second person, wherein

the receiving includes receiving the person identification
25 information, as the search condition, from the second person, and

the searching includes searching the storage unit for the purchase information corresponding to the person identification information received.

5 11. The method according to claim 10, wherein
the person identification information includes information to identify the second person as a customer who purchases the item.

10 12. The method according to claim 8, further comprising
storing item identification information to uniquely identify the item, wherein
the receiving includes receiving the item identification information, as the search condition, from the second person, and
the searching includes searching the storage unit for the
15 purchase information corresponding to the item identification information received.

13. The method according to claim 8, further comprising
storing purchase identification information to uniquely identify
20 the first person, wherein
the receiving includes receiving the person identification information, as the search condition, from the second person, and
the searching includes searching the storage unit for the purchase information corresponding to the person identification
25 information received.

14. The method according to claim 13, wherein
the person identification information includes information to
identify the first person as a supervisor who manages the online
shopping service.

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15. A computer program product including computer executable
instructions stored on a computer readable medium, wherein the
instructions, when executed by the computer, cause the computer to
perform:

10 storing purchase information concerning items selected by a first
person from an item list provided by an online shopping service, in a
storage unit;

receiving a search condition from a second person;

searching the storage unit for the purchase information

15 corresponding to the search condition; and

creating purchase information concerning an item to be
purchased by the second person, based on the purchase information
searched.

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